GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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UTILIZATION OF MILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of milk production utilized by the processing units in the country; and

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to these units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): About 35% of milk production in India is utilized by the processing units in the country out of which 13% milk is being processed by organized sector and about 22% Milk is being processed by the unorganized sector i.e. Halwais and venders.

(b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance for promotion of dairy processing Industries. Under the Plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of food processing industries, the Ministry extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of Grant-in-aid @25% of the cost of Plant & Machineries and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, North-Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas. Food processing units using milk as raw material for processed products are eligible for assistance under the scheme.

In order to ensure speedy disbursement of financial assistance, the Ministry has decided to decentralize the disbursement procedure through Scheduled Banks/ FIs under this scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2007.